

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of April 14, 2000, Applicant elects for immediate prosecution "Claim Group I" which includes claims 1-7. In addition, new independent claim 19 represents a linking claim directed at means for practicing the elected process in claim 1 such that, upon confirmation of allowability of the linking claim, consideration and rejoinder of the non-elected apparatus claims is respectfully requested in accordance with MPEP 808.03. Claim 8 has also been amended to have it better correspond in scope to the described invention. New dependent claim 20 sets forth the basalt receiver as being a basalt weigher.

Respectfully submitted,

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